MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No manuscript *grandha* which has been copied at Government expense is missing from the office of the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts. But some manuscripts and transcripts belonging to the Malayalam Curator's office were found missing when the records were transferred to the Curator for the publication of Sanskrit manuscripts.

(*b*) The Curator has been asked to investigate the matter and report to the Government.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): With reference to the latter part of the answer to (*a*), may I know the number of manuscripts that are missing in the office of the Curator?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The number of manuscripts is 21 and copies of manuscript taken—6.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): May I know the date on which the Curator was asked to investigate the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): 6th June 1928.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): May I know whether the officer has submitted any report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Testing of motor cars and buses.

330. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether licenses have been issued to the owners of motor cars and buses plying in this country only after testing their fitness and strength;

(*b*) the names of the persons who have been authorised at present (15-11-1104) to test the buses and cars;

(*c*) whether any private agencies have been authorised at present to do the above work;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the names of those agencies;

(*e*) whether any fees have to be paid to them (private agencies) for this by the car-owners;

(*f*) if so, the rates of the fees;

(*g*) whether they receive any share thereof;

(*h*) whether any accounts are being submitted to the Government in respect of the fees received by those agencies; and

(*i*) whether they (private agencies) have any responsibility in the matter of inspection?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The testing is insisted upon only in the case of public passenger vehicles plying for hire which are subject to the conditions laid down in the 'G' Permit, annexed to the Motor Vehicles Rules of 1096.

(*b*) List* of authorised examiners is laid on the table.

(*c*) and (*d*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*b*) above.

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* *Vide* Appendix LV—page 1080.

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(*e*) and (*f*) Non-official examiners are entitled to levy a fee for each examination conducted by them at the rate of Rs. 20 for vehicles weighing over one ton and Rs. 15 for vehicles weighing one ton and less.

(*g*) The fee levied is the remuneration fixed for the examiner.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Yes. They will be questioned if any remissness is noticed and if the explanation be unsatisfactory their names will be removed from the list of examiners.

Public works in the Shertallai Taluk.

331. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for 1104 for the construction of roads, canals, bridges, culverts, buildings, etc., in the Shertallai taluk which have been already taken in hand by the Public Works Department and which have been newly sanctioned in 1104;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred for each item of work above referred to up to the 15th Mithunam 1104;

(*c*) whether the construction of any new roads has been taken up as yet;

(*d*) if so, the names of such roads;

(*e*) the expenditure incurred in respect of each road till now;

(*f*) the width and thickness of the road from Shertallai up to the 5th mile of the Shertallai-Arukutti road;

(*g*) the width and thickness of the road from the 5th mile northwards;

(*h*) the number of bridges and culverts yet to be completed on the road up to the 5th mile;

(*i*) when they will be able to complete the Shertallai-Arukutti road so that it may be fit for motor traffic;

(*j*) whether the people have not petitioned the Government and the Chief Engineer to sanction the construction of cross roads in several places in the Shertallai taluk;

(*k*) whether they have made any enquiries on the above petitions;

(*l*) whether they have received any reports from the Chief Engineer showing the names of roads and cross canals that should be newly constructed in the Shertallai taluk in 1105; and

(*m*) if so, the roads and canals recommended by the Chief Engineer to be constructed in 1105?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*e*) A statement* of the works sanctioned in 1104 with the progress made in each case is laid on the table.

(*f*) 8 feet by 3 inches.

(*g*) 12 feet by 6 inches.

(*h*) Ten.

* *Vide* Appendix LVI A—page 1081.

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Appendix LV.

Vide Answer to Question No. 330.

List of persons authorised to test motor buses and cars.

A. Official Examiners.

1. H. E. Parratt Esq., M. I. M. E., Executive Engineer, Workshops & Stores Division.
2. V. Arunachalam Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. E., M. E., Executive Engineer. Trivandrum.
3. M. P. Mani Esq., B. E , M. E., Executive Engineer, on leave.
4. S. S. Krishna Aiyangar Esq., B. A., B. E., M. E., Executive Engineer, Nagercoil.
5. V. Harihara Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. E., M. E., Ag. Executive Engineer, Kottayam.
6. M. S. Duraswami Aiyangar Esq., B. A., B. E., M. E , A. M. I. E., Ag. Executive Engineer, Maramat Department.
7. M. N. Parameswara Kurup Esq., L. M. E., A M. I. M. E. Assistant Engineer, Peermade.
8. S. Sesha Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. C., M. E., Assistant Engineer, Water Works Division.
9. K. Raja Raja Varma Esq., B. E., M. E., Assistant Engineer, Mavelikara Sub-Division.
10. S. Ramachandran Esq., B. E., M. E., Ag. Assistant Engineer, Trivandrum East Sub-Division.
11. G. Krishna Pillai Esq., Sub-protem Assistant Engineer, Work-shops Sub-Division.
12. S. Narayana Aiyar Esq., B. A., B. E., M. E., Ag. Assistant Engineer, Attingal Sub-Division.
13. I. C. Chacko Esq., B. sc. Assistant Engineer, Trivandrum West Sub-Division.
14. L. H. Jacob Esq , Executive Engineer, Quilon.
15. George Philip Esq., B. A., B. E., C. E., Assistant Engineer, on leave.
16. V. N. Parameswaran Pillai Esq., Sub-Engineer, Alwaye Sub-Division
17. P. J. Thomas Esq., B. sc., (London), Assistant Engineer, Munnar Sub-Division.
18. S. Varadaraja Sarma Esq., B. E., Ag. Industrial Engineer.
19. M. Thanu Pillai Esq., Motor Engineer, Royal Stables.
20. N. Padmanabha Pillai, Foreman, P. W. D. Workshops, Trivandrum.

B. Non-official Examiners.

1. Rao Bahadur John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C.E., Mechanical Engineer, Kottayam.
2. The Engineer in Messrs. Darragh Smail & Co., Ltd., Alleppey.
3. The Engineer in Messrs Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon.

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